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The number of lepers discharged or dismissed during this year were five, four for selling rice to villagers and one for beating a small boy who was suffering from tuberculosis as well as leprosy.

(*g*) & (*h*) No. Two hundred and seventy-seven lepers left the settlement from January to August 1927, compared with 502 in the same period in 1926.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II

LUNCH INTERVAL ON FRIDAYS.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It will be remembered that on the 27th August last, a Muslim Member of this Council objected to the allotment of Fridays for non-official work on the ground that it would be inconvenient for the Muhammadan Members of this Council and that I then suggested that if the Muhammadan Members of the Council desired it, the House might have no objection to an adjournment of the Council on Fridays at 1 o'clock instead of at 1-30 p.m. as usual. The hon. Member, Mr. Basheer Ahmad, has since addressed a letter to me suggesting that it would be convenient to the Muslim Members of the Council if the House can be adjourned on Fridays between 12-30 and 2-30 p.m. and that if the Council so desires, it may, to compensate for the time lost, continue its sittings in the evening till 6 p.m. If this has the approval of the Members of the House generally, I have no objection to adjourn the Council on Fridays at 12-30 p.m. instead of at 1-30 p.m. and to continue the afternoon sittings till 6 p.m. on those days. I should like to hear the views of the leaders of parties on the matter." 12 noon.

* The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" So far as the Government are concerned, I would ask your permission, Sir, to defer submitting my remarks on this point till to-morrow."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" I have no objection to the suggestion made by Mr. Basheer Ahmad."

* The RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, we have no objection to the House being adjourned on Fridays at 12-30 p.m. But we are not in favour of the House sitting after 5 p.m."

III

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* COLLECTIONS FOR THE POLICE SPORTS DURING HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO SOUTH KANARA.

* Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" With your permission, Sir, I beg leave to move the adjournment motion which stands in my name as follows :—

' *That the business of this Council be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the excessive and improper collections of money by the police from the people of the district of South Kanara for the police sports at Mangalore on the occasion of His Excellency the Governor's visit to the district.* ' "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I second the motion."